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**Bronx Council on the Arts' Longwood Art Gallery to Receive
The Bronx LGBTQ Pride in the Arts Award at July 14th
Bronx LGBTQ Pride Awards Dinner at Eastwood Manor**

(Bronx, NY — June 29, 2015) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos is proud to be among the awardees being recognized by the Bronx Pride Committee of the Bronx LGBTQ Center at the 2015 Bronx LGBTQ Pride Awards Dinner on July 14th, from 6:00-11:00pm, at the Eastwood Manor at 3371 Eastchester Road in the Bronx. The gallery will receive the *DJ Frankie Knuckles Pride in the Arts* award for being an organization who has been working to better the lives of all in the LGBTQ community in the Bronx and beyond. Tickets for the dinner can be purchased at www.eventbrite.com/e/2015-bronx-lgbtq-pride-awards-dinner-tickets-16951320857.

The Bronx Pride Committee recognized Longwood Art Gallery's public service and commitment to the LGBTQ community as one of its strongest supporters in the Arts and felt very strongly – unanimously, in fact – that the gallery was the best candidate this year to receive their *DJ Frankie Knuckles Pride in the Arts* award. According to Peter C. Frank, Board Secretary, Co-Founder and Chair of Bronx LGBTQ Pride 2015, "The committee felt that the Bronx Council on the Arts' Longwood Art Gallery's unwavering commitment to LGBTQ artists of color highlights a unique area of the arts that is often overlooked by more 'mainstream' institutions".

BCA Executive Director Deirdre Scott added "BCA is delighted to receive the 'DJ Frankie Knuckles Pride in the Arts Award' at the inaugural Bronx Pride Awards Dinner in July. Our board and staff recognize that equity and access are core to our mission and we are proud that Longwood Arts Gallery is being recognized as a place where diverse art and voices can be seen and heard and appreciated. For 33 years, BCA's Longwood Arts Gallery has supported exchange around contemporary social issue and ideas. We will continue our work exploring culture, gender and social innovations moving forward."

For questions concerning the July 14th dinner or any Bronx LGBTQ pride events, please contact Peter C. Frank, chair of the Bronx Pride Committee, at 914-417-9579 or pridechair@bronxlgbtqcenter.org.

Longwood Arts Project is the Bronx Council on the Arts' contemporary visual art center supporting artists and their work, especially emerging and under-represented artists through exhibitions and public programming. **Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos**, one of New York City's oldest and longest running alternative spaces, presents solo and group art exhibitions in various media, and interdisciplinary projects that connect artists, communities, and ideas within and beyond the Bronx. **Longwood's Project Room** was created in 1991 to focus on Bronx artists who present solo and experimental projects that aim to address issues of politics of identity, class, gender and urban and popular culture.

The **Bronx Council on the Arts**, established in 1962, is the official cultural agency of the Bronx. BCA is recognized nationally as a leading arts service organization that provides grants, cultural services, community and professional development and training programs. We serve the entire borough of the Bronx (over 1.4 million residents), and connect with Upper Manhattan, Westchester and regional resources. **BCA** offers over \$240K yearly in cultural grants to Bronx artists and organizations and a wide array of services to a multitude of artists, the general public and more than 250 arts and community-based organizations.

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